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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Christoph Dorr
Serial No. : 09/640,038
Filed : August 16, 2000
For : BALL-AND-SOCKET JOINT WITH
BEARING SHELL
Group Art Unit : 3679
Examiner : Ernesto Garcia
Attorney Docket No. : TRW(EHR)5042
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PETITION TO EXTEND PERIOD FOR RESPONSE

Sir:

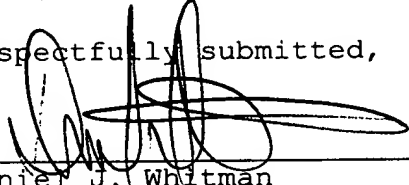
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicant hereby requests
a one (1) month extension of the period for response to the
Office Action mailed December 19, 2002. The response date set
in the Office Action was March 19, 2003. A response is being
filed herewith today, April 17, 2003, which is within the first
month after the response date. Enclosed is a check in the
amount of \$110.00, which is the fee for a one month extension.

Accordingly, applicant hereby requests that the period for
response be extended by one (1) month so that the response filed
herewith will be considered timely filed.

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